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Of the Travels, perſecution, and cruel Martyrdom of our Bleſſed *Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt*. Likewiſe the Holy Life, Travels, and Martyrdom of the 12 Apoſtles the firſt Propogators of the Chriſtian Religion, gathered from the Holy Scriptures.

With the Life and cruel Martyrdom of St. *Mark* the Evangeliſt, and St *John Baptiſt*, the fore runner of Chriſt, (*viz.*) Firſt the Life and Martyrdom of St. *James*, who had his Brains beat out. 2d, the Life and Martyr of St. *Peter*, Crucified with his Head downwards. 3d, The Life and Martyr. of St. *Andrew*, ſtretched upon a ſlope Croſs. 4th, The Life and Martyr of St. *James* the Major, who was beheaded. 5*th*, St. *John* was caſt into a Caldron of boiling Oyl. 6th, St. *Philip* 7*th*, St. *Paul* was beheaded. 8*th*, St. *Bartholemew* was Flead. 9*th*, St. *Thomas* was run through with Swords and Spears 10. St. *Mathew* was ſtab'd. 11*th*, St. *Simon* was Crucified. 12*th*, St. *Mathias* was kill'd by a Hatchet. St. *Mark* was burnt to Aſhes. St. *John* the *Baptiſt*, the Forerunner of our Bleſſed *Saviour*, was Beheaded, with whom it ſhall conclude.

Very fit for all Chriſtian Families.

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The Life of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, briefly set forth.

THE Time in which our Blessed Saviour took on human Nature upon him, was Born of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, was in the 3917 Year of the World, in the 42d. Year of the Reign of *Agustus* the Emperor, as it is testified by the most learned Writers: But to declare the Generation, Dignity and Essence of Christ; no Speech is able to set forth since the Holy Ghost by the Prophet testifieth, *Isaiah* 53. His Generation, who is able to declare.

Our Saviour *Jesus Christ* was Born in *Bethlehem*, a City in *Judea*, in the Reign of *Herod* the King. This *Herod*, after he had heard of the Birth of our *Saviour*, by the Report of the *Wise Men* of the *East* that came to Worship him, he not having tydings brought back to him by the *Wise Men* of the Place of our *Saviour*'s Birth craftily having sought to destroy him by causing the Young Children of two Years of Age and under to be kill'd according to the time that he enquired of the *Wise Men*, but his Parents being warned by an Angel, fled with him into *Egypt*, and he escaped the bloody Massacre After the Death of *Herod*, he came Back, and dwelt in the City of *Nazareth*, At 12 Years of Age, he was found by his Parents in the Temple sitting among the Doctors both hearing them and asking them Questions, Luke *ch*. 2 When he was about the Age of 30, he was Baptized of St. *John* the Baptist where the Holy Ghost descended Bodily upon him in the likness of a Dove, and God the Father. from Heaven testified, that he was his only begotten Son, in whom he was well Pleased *Luke* 3. Suddenly after this he was led into the Wilderness and fasted 40 Days and 40 Nights and was Tempted of the Devil whom he overcame and made flee. After this he taketh upon him the Ministry of dispensing the everlasting Gospel for the Salvation of Mankind, which shall reach to the utmost part of the World; he was a merciful High-Priest, liberally bestowing his Gifts and Graces in all Places he healed the Sick cured the Blind & raised the Dead to Life Great was his Bounty he Fed 5000 People with five Loaves and two Fishes. At a Marriage in *Cana*, he turned Water into Wine So many and great were his Miraculous sayings and worthy Deeds, done in his Holy and Examplary

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Life that the World could not contain those Books that could be wrote of them as is testified by St. *John ch.* 2. Finally he spent 4 Years in Preaching those great Truths, that shall remain for ever in the Hearts of his Saints and Servants, he was at last betrayed by *Judas*, one of his own Disciples, Whipped, Scourged, Mocked and Beaten with most cruel stripes, after crucified between two Thieves by the Malicious and wicked *Jews*, he arose again the third Day and opened the Kingdom of heaven to all true Believers and ever sits at the Father's right hand making intercession for us to whom be ascribed all Honour. Dominion and Glory, both, now, and for evermore, *Amen.*

1st The Life and Martyrdom of St. *James the Just.*

St. *James* a Cousin German of our *Saviour Christ*, was esteemed of all men in his Life time, a just and upright Man he was holy from his Mothers Womb; he drank no Wine nor strong drink, neither eat any Creature wherin here was Life neither shaven or anointed nor did use both unto him only was it lawful to enter into the Holy Place he was often found in the Temple on his Knees praying for the Sins of the People. His Knees were like a *Camel's* Knees benumb'd and bereft of the Sense of feeling in Supplication to God for the People For the Exeellency of his Righteousness he was called just. The People being assembled together in the time of the Passover they intreated him to perswade the People frequenting the Passover concerning *Jesus* saying for we all obey thee, yea we and all the People do testifie of thee that thou art just and doth not respect the Person of any perswade therefore this Multitude that they err not in. *Jesus* for the whole Multitude and we obey thee and therefore on the Pinacle of the Temple that thy Word may be heard of the People and having placed him the reon they shouted to him and said thou just Man declare to this People that is seduced after *Jesus* that was Crucified which the Way and Door of *Jesus* Crucified And he answered with a loud Voice why ask you me of *Jesus* the Son of Man when that he liveth in *Heaven* and shall come in the Clouds of the Air So he perswaded many so that they glorified God in the Testimony of St. *James* and cryed out *Hosanna in the Highest, to the Son of David*, But the *Scribes* and *Pharisees*

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repented them when they heard him make his Confession, and they shouted saying the just is also seduced: Then they climbed up and threw him down headlong. After the fall he was not fully Dead he fell on his Knees and pray'd to God to forgive them as they were Stoning him. One of the Priests cryed out the just Prayeth for you then one of them beat out his Brains that he suffered Martyrdom as *Egesipus* testifieth St. *Clement* wrote this of him. St. *James* was so famous and renowned for Righteousness the wise among the *Jews* attributed sudden Destruction of *Jerusalem* to his Martyrdom, which followed soon after.

2d. *The Martyrdom of* St. Peter.

Simon Peter called by our Saviour *Jonas*, was a very eminent Apostle of *Jesus*, (as his Epittles makes mention) he Preached the Gospel in *Pontus, Galatia, Capadocia Bythynia*, and *Asia*. St. *Peter* going to his House, and seeing his Wife go to be Martyred rejoyced greatly because of her, calling and cryed out vehemently exhorting and comforting, her calling her by her Name, and saying, Oh! Woman remember the Lord. He at *Rome* through the Condemnation of *Nero* the Emperor, because he had overcome *Simon Magus* the Sorcerer, was Crucified with his Head downwards as he desired, not presuming to have it upwards, because his Master was so handled. saith *Eusebius*.

3d. *The Martyrdom of* St. Andrew.

St. *Andrew*, *Simon Peter's* Brother. he was a great propogator of the Gospel of *Jesus Christ*, he Preached at *Achaia* and afterwards at *Scythia*, and at *Sobastophus*, Inhabited of the wild *Ethiopians*, he was taken at *Putan*, a City of *Achaia*, by *Aegus* proconsul of that Province because he converted *Maximilla* his wife, he cast him into Prison where he was sore beaten and at last stretched upon a slope Cross to encrease his Torments and so died a Martyr.

4th *The Martyrdom of* St. James the *Major*.

St. *James* the Son *Zebedee* called the Major, was a Fisher, Man he was chosen to preach the Gospel of *Jesus Christ* to the twelve dispersed Tribes, and was sent to *Spain* from whence (by reason of the obstinacy of the People, for he converted but 9 persons) he returned shortly to Preach in *Judea*, where by the envy of a Jewish Bishop called

led *Abiather*, he was accused and beheaded by the consent of *Herod*, His Body was conveyed first to *Jerusalem*, and from thence to *Spain*.

5th. *The Life and Travels of* St. John *the Apostle.*

ST. John the Brother of St. James also an Evengelist whom the Lord loved which leaned on his Breast, he it was concerning whom our Saviour Christ (when on the Cross, said, *Woman behold thy Son*, and to St. John, *behold thy Mother*, from that time he took her home to his House, John ch. 19. He preached the Gospel of our Lord *Jesus Christ* in *Asia*, but the Emperor *Trajan* exiled him into the *Isle* of *Patmos* for Preaching the Gospel: There he wrote the Book of *Revelation*, and his Gospel and Epistles which he made publick at *Ephesus* by *Gaius* his Host who was a Deacon, to whom he directs his third Epistle whom also St. *Paul* to the *Romans* testifieth saying, *Gaius* mine Host and the whole Church salute you After the Death of *Trajan* the Emperor he returned out of the *Isle* of *Patmos*, and remained at *Ephesus*, until he had lived an hundred Years some say he was cast into a Caldron of boyling Oyl, yet he came out safe, he was buried at *Ephesus*.

6th. *The Martyrdom of* St. Philip.

ST. *Philip* was of the City of *Bethsaida* he Preached the Gospel thro' the whole Country of *Scythia* and converted a great part of it in the space of 20 Years, he Preached in *Phrygia*, also *Polycratus* wrote to *Victor* Bishop of *Rome* thus saith he *Philip* one of the twelve Apostles, was buried in *Hieropolis*, being Crucified. There was also buried his Daughters which led their whole Lives in Virginity. *Philip* had four Daughters which were Virgins and propheteſſes, they with their Father were buried in *Hieropolis* honourably.

7th *The Travels and Martyrdom of* St. Paul.

SAul after his conversion called *Paul*, the Great Doctor of the *Gentiles* was a *Jew*, born of the *Tribe* of *Benjamin*, he was brought up at the Feet of *Gamaliel*, a famous Doctor of those Times, St. *Paul* was a most eminent Apostle, and preacher of the Gospel of *Jesus Christ*, as his several

ral Epistles(famous in the Church of *Christ*) make mention After he had undergone many Dangers, and suffered many Torments as beating with Rods, being put into the Stocks, Ston'd at *Lystra*, delivered to Wild Beasts at *Ephesus*, bound and beaten at *Jerusalem*, and at last was Beheaded at *Rome* by the Command of *Nero* the *Roman* Emperor, the most cruel and barbarous Persecutor of the Church of *Christ*.

8th. *The Life and Martyrdom of* St. Bartholomew.

ST. *Bartholomew* was (as some Authors affirm) born in *Syria*, he was Heir and Nephew to a King, he hearing of the Fame of *Christ*, desired to be his Disciple, only desired that according to the Dignity of his Birth he might wear his Purple, which our *Saviour* granted, but withal told him, that tho' he was loath to put of his Purple for his sake, he should not be loath to lay down his Life for the same Cause, He Preached *Christ* to the *Indians*, and delivered to them the Gospel of St. *Matthew*. He came after to *Alina* a City of *Armenia* the greater, where he converted the King of that City, and destroyed their Idols. Afterwards by the Command of *Astigias*, for converting his Brother *Pobom* he was the first day beaten with Cudgels, fastened to a Cross and Flead, where he continued preaching the *Lord* the next Day; lastly while breath remained, he was Beheaded.

9th. *The Travels and Martyrdom of* St. Thomas.

ST. *Thomas* called *Dydimus*, Preached the Gospel to the *Parthians*, *Medes*, *Beotians*, *Hircanians*, *Brachmans* and converted great part of *India*, he was notwithstanding by the *Infidels* thrown into a burning Furnace, and he came out unhurt. *Finally*, because he praved to God to destroy the Idol of the Sun, which the *Infidels* would have compelled him to Worship, he was by them thrust through with Spear and Swords, whereby he Died.

10th. *The Martyrdom of* St. Matthew.

ST. *Matthew*, Preached the Gospel in *Ethiopia*, now called *Prester John's* Country: He preached so much to them, that the King came to Baptizm. He wrote the Gospel of our *Lord Jesus* in the *Hebrew* Tongue, and delivered it to the Brother of the *Lord*, according to the Flesh-

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who was made Bishop of *Jerusalem*. Some say he converted most part of *Ethiopia* and having newly ended his prayers, and lifting up his Hand to Heaven by the Altar, certain Spies came and run him through, and so he was Martyr'd.

11th. *The Life and Martyrdom of* St. Simon.

ST. *Simon* the son of *Cleophas*, Cozen German to our Lord *Jesus* Brother to *Thadeus* and S^t. *James* the less Lineally descended from the stock of King *David*. In his Days the Church of God remained a pure Virgin, for a Hundred Years after *Christ*. He preached in *Ægypt*, and returned to *Jerusalem*, where by the consent of the Apostles, he was made Bishop of *Jerusalem* after the Martyrdom of his Brother St. James. He was ill treated by Heriticks accused before *Atticus* the Consul for a Christian, and scourged him many Days; insomuch that the Consul, and all others wondered how he being an hundred Years Old, could endure Torments. He was at last crucified, as his Maker was.

12th. *The Martyrdom of* St. Matthias.

ST. *Matthias* after the Ascension of our Lord *Jesus Christ* was chosen by the Apostles to succeed *Judas*, *Acts* 1. 6. He was Born at *Bethlehem*, and descended of the Tribe of *Judah*. He preached the Gospel at *Ethiopia*, unto a Barbarous Nation. He was at last accused by his Enemies, and condemned to be ston'd to Death, by two Men, during which Torments, one smote him with a Harchet, by which means he suffered Martyrdom,

The Life and Martyrdom of the Evangelist St. Mark.

ST. *Mark* the Evangelist, the first Bishop of *Alexandria*, Preached the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*, unto the people of *Alexandria* Bordering the Countries from *Egypt* unto *Pentapolis*, There he Preached the Gospel, which he wrote, and also settled the Churches of *Alexandria*. There was a great Multitude of Believers both Men and Women at the first Meeting, was gathered together. He was the first Preacher to the *Egyptians*, and after he had painfully Preach'd the Gospel of our Lord and *Saviour* for several Years; At last in the time of *Trajan*, he had a Cable Rope tyed about his Neck at *Alexandria*; by which he was drawn from the Place called *Berolus*, unto the Place

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called *Angels*, where he was burned to Ashes by the Furious *Idolaters* in the Month of *April*.

Lastly the Life of St. John Baptist, *the forerunner of Christ.*

S. *John Baptist* was the Son *Zachary* and *Elizabeth* of the Tribe of Levi, being Cozen to *Mary* the Mother of *Jesus*, he neither drank Wine nor strong Drink, he Preached the Gospel in *Cana* of *Galilee*, and Baptized our *Saviour* at the River *Jordan*. King *Herod* heard of him, and that his Name was spread abroad. And they said, that *John* the *Baptist* was risen from the Dead, and therefore mighty Works do shew forth themselves in him, Others said that it is *Elias*, and ohthers said that it is a Prophet, or as one of the Prophets. For *John* said unto *Herod*, it is not lawful for thee to have thy Brother's Wife; therefore *Herodias* had a Quarrel against him and would have Killed him, but could not.

And when the Daughter of the said *Herodias* came in, and Danc'd and pleased *Herod*, and them that were with him, the King said to the Damsel ask of me whatsoever thou wilt and I will give it thee. And he Swore unto her, whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my Kingdom, and she went forth and said unto her Mother, what shall I ask? And she said the Head of *John* the *Baptist*, and she came straightway with haste unto the King, and asked, saying I will that thou give me by and by in a Charger, the Head of *John* the *Baptist*. And the King was exceeding sorry, yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes that sat with him he would not reject her And immediately the King sent an Executioner and commanded his Head to be brought, and he went and Beheaded him in the Prison, and brought his Head in a Charger and gave it to the Damsel, and the Damsel gave it to her Mother. And when his Disciples heard of it they came and took up his Corps, and laid it in a Tomb. And the Apostles gatherd themselves together after *Jesus*, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had Taught.

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